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1. (Amended) An environmentally friendly insect eradication method, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a canister, said canister having a pressurized, non-flammable, non-biocidal, non-ozone depleting fluorocarbon propellant ~~and not having disposed therein~~, the so disposed propellant causing the canister to have a pre-voided internal pressure within the approximate range of from about 75 psig to about 150 psig, wherein said pressure is sufficient to introduce essentially all of said propellant into the internal portion of a bore in a tree ~~or other invaded structure~~ via an entrance or exiting insect bore such that the air pressure in the internal portion of the tree or other invaded structure substantially increases; and

inserting a gas introduction nozzle provided with said canister into the ~~a tree or other invaded structure via an entrance or exiting insect~~ bore in a tree;

~~in such a manner to~~ operatively ~~displace~~ displacing a valve mechanism connecting the nozzle and the canister;

~~to cause~~ causing said propellant to enter the ~~internal portion of a tree or other invaded structure~~ bore such that the air pressure within the ~~internal portion of the tree or other invaded structure~~ bore substantially increases; ~~and thereby~~

~~crushes or otherwise displaces~~ crushing and displacing an invasive insect accommodated therein by the force of the substantially increased air pressure.

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14. (New) An environmentally friendly insect eradication method and apparatus, said method comprising:

providing a canister, said canister having a pressurized gas propellant disposed therein, wherein said pressure is sufficient to introduce essentially all of said gas into the internal portion of an insect bore in a tree ~~or other invaded structure~~ via an entrance to the

insect bore;

~~such that the air pressure in the internal portion of the insect bore substantially increasesabove ambient air pressure such that the air pressure within the internal portion of the insect bore;~~

inserting a gas introduction nozzle provided with said canister into the bore in a tree;

operatively displacing a valve mechanism connecting the nozzle and the canister;

causing said propellant to enter the bore such that the air pressure within the bore substantially increases; ~~and thereby substantially increases and thereby crushes or otherwise displaces~~ crushing and displacing an invasive insect restively accommodated therein by the force of the substantially increased air pressure within the internal portion of the insect bor;

wherein the gas propellent has no biocidal properties.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the gas propellant within the canister has a pre-use internal pressure within the approximate range of from about 75 psig to about 150 psig,

16. (Canceled) The method of claim 14 wherein the gas propellent is air comprised of 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen and the remainder traces of water vapor, carbon dioxide, argon, and various other components.

17. The method of claim 14 wherein said gas propellent is a nonflammable, non-ozone depleting gas.

18. (Canceled) The method of claim 14 wherein said gas is an inert, nonflammable, non-ozone depleting gas.